



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY ALASKA
600 RICHARDSON DRIVE # 5000
FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99505-5000



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Department of Army Policy on Official Use of Nontactical Vehicles
(DOL/DCSLOG Policy Number 4-16)

1. In accordance with Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1344, Department of Defense Regulation 4500.36-R, and Department of Army Regulation 58-1, require that NTV's be used for official purposes only. This includes vehicles owned by the Army, leased or rented vehicles such as GSA vehicles.

2. The majority of complaints received by this command are for personnel using vehicles to go to the credit union, clothing sales store, laundry, post exchange, and eating establishments. Most violators are not aware of the above stated restrictions. As a general rule, if the use of the vehicle is personal in nature it does not constitute official use. AR 58-1 states, "the unauthorized or willful misuse of any Army owned or controlled motor vehicle may be cause for disciplinary action as follows":

a. Civilian personnel. Any officer or employee of the government who willfully uses or authorizes the use of any U.S. Government-owned or -leased passenger motor vehicle (except for official purposes except as authorized by 31 U.S.C. Section 1344), or otherwise violates Section 1344 shall be suspended from duty, without compensation, for not less than 1 month, and shall be suspended for a longer period or summarily removed from office if circumstances so warrant (31 U.S.C. 1349 (b)).

b. Military personnel. Military personnel who willfully authorize any U.S. Government-owned or -leased passenger motor vehicle (except for official purposes as authorized by 31 U.S.C. Section 1344 (31 U.S.C.)) may be disciplined under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other administrative procedures deemed appropriate.

c. Financial Liability. In accordance with AR 58-1, financial liability shall be assessed against members of the Army (including members of the Army Reserve and National Guard) and Army civilian employees when government property (including a motor vehicle) is lost, damaged, or destroyed as a result of their negligence, willful misconduct or deliberate unauthorized use.

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3. Questions concerning "Official Use" may be referred to the local motor transport officer or servicing legal advisor. POC is Mr. Bob Koon, Chief, Motor Transport Branch, 384-2710.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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